

# North Commons

Herrick Archives Number 192

## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

1.1 Officially named "North Commons" by Board of Trustees on June 5, 1964, in memory of William A. North.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

Built under architect's project number 6332. Name on drawings is "Dining Facility Northwest."

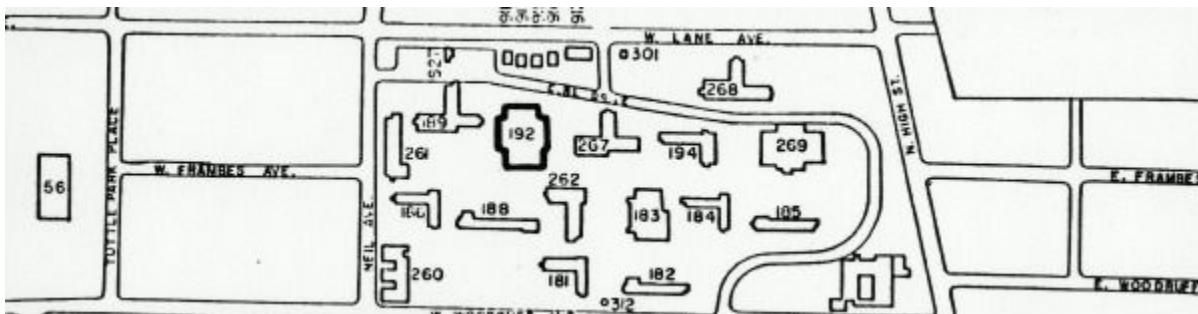
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### 2. Location

2.1 Located at 157 Curl Drive. See map below.

See Addendum No. 1

2.2 For greater detail, see Sheet 71 in the book of campus maps in the University Archives.



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

### 3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

Steel frame with brick exterior.

3.2 No. of stories:

Basement and one story.

3.3 Increments of construction:

No additions--entire building constructed at same time.

3.4 Present area of building as shown in inventory records of Division of Campus Planning:

37,304 sq. ft. gross; 22,748 sq. ft. net assignable

### 3.5 Volume of building:

485,600 cubic feet (PP)

## B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. On May 15, 1964 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by W. E. Linch, University Architect, and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.

2. Bids were received on November 5, 1964 (T).

3. On November 6, 1964 the Board of Trustees awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: Baker & Coombs, Inc.

Electrical: Electric Power Equipment Co.

Heating, ventilating, and air conditioning: Julian Speer Co.

Plumbing: A. E. Slavin Plumbing & Heating Co.

Kitchen Equipment: Great Lakes Hotel Supply Co.

Note: The award to Julian Speer Co. on November 6, 1964 was over the estimate of cost by \$800.00. This part of the work was readvertised and new bids were received on November 30, 1964. On December 10, 1964 the contract was reawarded to Julian Speer Co. at same contract price.

4. Completion and occupancy:

The building opened for use in January 1966 (F).

## C. COST

Carried in Business Office reports at \$938,678.07.

## D. MISCELLANEOUS

From its opening, this building has been used as coeducational dining and study facility (H). A bookstore was opened in the building in 1967 (P).

## E. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 7727

X 7728

X 7729

John H. Herrick  
July 17, 1972

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Early addresses for this building, possibly used only during construction, were 136 West Frambes Avenue and 157 West Lane Avenue.

John H. Herrick  
February 3, 1976

#### **ADDENDUM NO. 2**

Inspection of old campus maps reveals the following additional name for this building:

West Dining Facility

John H. Herrick  
November 13, 1979

#### **ADDENDUM NO. 3**

This building is now carried in Campus Planning records as William A. North Commons. The official name remains "North Commons."

John H. Herrick  
August 26, 1986